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Sir:

Ekins et al is relevant to Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 since it discloses a microspot array on a suitable plastic surface capable of measuring one million (1,000,000) different substances in a sample volume of one hundred microlitres (Abstract). This prior art reference in combination with references disclosed during the prosecution of this patent disclose oligonucleotides exceeding the claimed density.

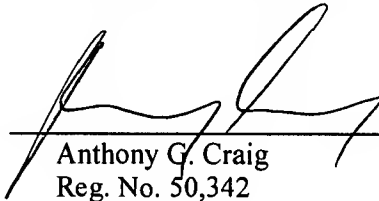
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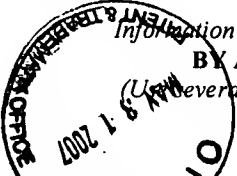
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